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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 27, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 27, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee are filed herewith. With the extension, the due date for response is June 27, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-517.

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